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WAGNER, ET AL.

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For: HOUSING FOR PORTABLE HANDHELD
ELECTRONIC DEVICE

Art Unit: 3624

Examiner: G. ANDERSON

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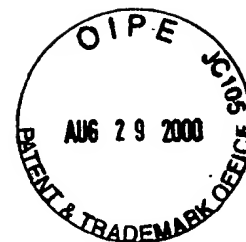
Assistant Commissioner
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Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed May 23, 2000, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of pending claims 6-11¹.

The Examiner contends that the housing of Schmidt "is defined with reference to Figure 1, in column 11 as the head portion continuously extends into contoured handle. Therefore the hollow body is a single piece." Applicant respectfully disagrees. Figures 1A through 3B all illustrate the same housing of the Schmidt device (see column 9, lines 61, et seq.). With particular reference to Figures 3A and 3B, Schmidt states: "In the illustrative embodiment, the hand-supportable housing is realized as a five-piece split-housing construction comprising: a first housing portion 9C...; a second housing half 9D...; a battery cover 9E...; a housing end cap 9F...; and a housing bumper 9G..." (Column 13, lines 48-67.) Schmidt clearly does not disclose a one-piece hollow body portion (note also that the joints between the five pieces are clearly shown in each of Figures 1A-1G).

¹ Claims 12 and 13 are indicated to be rejected; however, these claims were previously cancelled.



As the Examiner is well aware, for a claim to be rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), the cited reference must show each and every limitation of the rejected claim. Since Schmidt does not show a one-piece hollow body portion as required by claim 6 and all claims depending therefrom, the rejection of claims 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) based on Schmidt is improper and should be withdrawn. Furthermore, since Schmidt lacks the claimed one-piece hollow body portion, the rejection of claims 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on Schmidt should also be withdrawn.

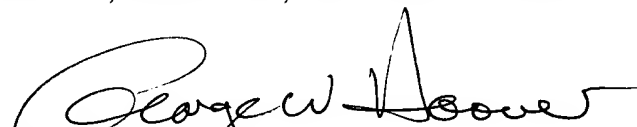
Since the final rejection of May 23, 2000 is improper, Applicant respectfully requests that the finality of that action be withdrawn and that patentability of claims 6-11 be reconsidered based on the foregoing arguments, as well as the arguments presented in the Amendment filed March 2, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: August 23, 2000

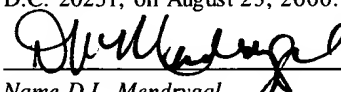
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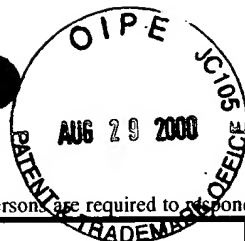
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